# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
# LOK SABHA

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Financial Assistance for Higher Studies to SC Students
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**Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:**

(a) the details of the schemes being implemented by the Government for financial assistance to SC students for higher studies in Post-graduate/Engineering/ Medical courses, scheme-wise;

(b) the progress made in this regard during each of the last two years and the current year, State-wise including Tamil Nadu;

(c) whether the Government proposes to increase the rate of financial assistance by considering the present situation and market rates etc.; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
(SHRI VIJAY SAMPLA)

(a) & (b): The details of the scheme being implemented by the Government for financial assistance to Scheduled Caste (SC) students for higher studies in Post-graduate/Engineering Medical courses are as under;
S. No. Scheme Course
(i) Centrally sponsored scheme of Post Matric Scholarship for SC students All Post-graduate courses, Degree & PG courses in Engineering, Medicine, Management, Law etc.
(ii) Central Sector Scheme of National Fellowship for SC students M.Phil and Ph.D
(iii) Central Sector Scheme of National Overseas Scholarship for SC etc students Masters and Ph.D.
(iv) Central Sector Scheme of Top class Education for SC students Engineering, Medicine, Law, Management, Information Technology etc.

Under Centrally Sponsored Scheme at S.No. (i), Central Assistance is released to States/UTs, which are the implementing agencies. Under the Central Sector Scheme of National Fellowship, Grant-in-aid is released to University Grant Commission, which implements the Scheme. Under Central Sector Scheme of National Overseas Scholarship, funds are disbursed by Ministry of External Affairs through India Missions abroad. Under Central Sector Scheme of Top Class Education, the Scholarship amount are disbursed directly to Institutes/Students.
The State-wise details including Tamilnadu for the last two years and current year under Centrally sponsored Scheme of Post Matric Scholarship for SC students are attached.
(c): There is no proposal to increase the rate of financial assistance at present.
(d): Does not arise in view of reply to part (c) above.